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SAIGON-COMMUNIQUE

(SAIGON) -- SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID TODAY THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE BEING WORKED OUT IN PARIS CALLS FOR A REALISTIC CEASE-FIRE WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER IT IS SIGNED BY THE FOUR PARTIES TO THE ORIGINAL JANUARY AGREEMENT.

INFORMANTS SAID THE PLAN ALSO CALLS FOR A MEETING WITHIN 48 HOURS OF OPPOSING VIETNAMESE BATTLEFIELD COMMANDERS AT POINTS OF DIRECT CONFLICT IN ORDER TO AVOID HOSTILITIES.

THE SOURCES, WHO MADE THE DRAFT OF THE 14-POINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLIC IN SAIGON, SAID IT ALSO CALLS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 20 OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

THIS ARTICLE SAYS THE FOUR SIGNERS--THE UNITED STATES, NORTH VIETNAM, SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE VIET CONG--SHALL RESPECT THE NEUTRALITY OF CAMBODIA AND LAOS AND REFRAIN FROM USING THEIR TERRITORY TO ENCROACH ON THE SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY OF ONE ANOTHER AND OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE ARTICLE ALSO CALLS ON THE FOUR SIGNERS TO PUT AN END TO ALL MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS. IF HONORED, IT WOULD MEAN AN END TO U-S BOMBING IN CAMBODIA.

THERE ARE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENTS IN VIETNAM AND LAOS, BUT NO POLITICAL SOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT FOR EITHER COUNTRY. THERE IS NO CEASE-FIRE IN CAMBODIA

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THE INFORMANTS SAID THE COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PROVISIONS NOT ALREADY IN THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, BUT PROVIDES A TIMETABLE FOR CARRYING THEM OUT IN SOME CASES. SOME PROVISIONS AFFECT ONLY THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH VIETNAM. THERE ARE

--AN IMMEDIATE HALT IN AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER NORTH VIETNAM.

--THE UNITED STATES MUST RESUME ITS MINESWEEPING OPERATIONS IN NORTH VIETNAMESE WATERS WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE COMMUNIQUE IS SIGNED AND MUST COMPLETE THE OPERATIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS.

--NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HANOI ON POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION AID TO NORTH VIETNAM WILL RESUME FOUR DAYS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE COMMUNIQUE. A JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WILL RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN 15 DAYS.

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